		April-Sept. 2007	2006-07	2005-06	2004-05	2003-04	2002-03
Total	Q:	1233	4433	3418	4049	2982	3315
	V:	35.84	105.44	90.84	127.42	88.34	103.34
	$:	8.81	23.34	20.58	28.43	19.20	21.41

Acquisition of Farmers land by State

303. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that several State Governments have acquired farmers land and have provided it to private companies for commercial activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last two years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government propose to frame any regulation for limiting the acquisition of land by State Government/Industry so that it does not reduce agriculture land; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Regulation for mercury consumption

304. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any policy to regulate the consumption of mercury for non-industrial purpose, since India is the second largest consumer of mercury in the world importing 200 tonnes every year;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) Mercury is imported in India for use in industries like Chlor-alkali, dental amalgam, batteries, clinical thermometers, barometers, pesticides & drugs, electrical and electronic appliances etc. Import of Mercury is being done under Open General Licence for various industrial uses. Effluent and emission standards for mercury using industries have been prescribed.

Low Exports of Herbal Medicines

305. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) where it is a fact that our country's share in global exports of herbal medicines is low:

(b) if so, whether Government have analyzed the reaons for this low production of herbal medicines; and

(c) the details of action taken by Government to increase production and export of herbal medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) It is a fact that